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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF THE UTILITY PROPERTY OF THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN THEREON, TO APPROVE RATE SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH

DOCKET NO. E-01345A-08-0172

PROCEDURAL ORDER

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 24, 2008, Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a rate increase.

On January 23, 2009, APS filed a Notice of Settlement Discussions.

On January 30, 2009, APS filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule. In its Motion, APS stated that the first settlement meeting was held on January 30, 2009 and that the parties will be meeting again February 5, 2009. APS believes that "the meeting indicated broad support for exploring the potential of a comprehensive settlement" and therefore APS requested that the Commission suspend all filings in this docket for a period of 30 days and that the "time clock" for processing the rate case be suspended for 30 days. The Motion stated that "no party has expressed opposition to the suspension of either the procedural schedule or the 'time clock.'"

It is reasonable to allow the parties time to conduct settlement discussions and therefore, the Motion should be granted. APS and/or the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") should make a filing prior to the end of the 30 day suspension period, updating the Commission on the status of the settlement discussions and making any appropriate procedural recommendations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion filed by APS is hereby granted and all filings required pursuant to the July 29, 2008 Rate Case Procedural Order in this permanent rate case

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1 docket are suspended and the time clock for processing this application is hereby suspended for at 2 least 30 days. 3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that APS and/or Staff shall make a filing in this docket prior to the end of the 30 day suspension period, updating the Commission on the status of the settlement 4 5 discussions and making any appropriate procedural recommendations. DATED this 4th day of February, 2009. 6 7 8 9 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 10 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered 11 This 4 May of February, 2009 to: 12 Timothy M. Hogan Thomas Mumaw 13 ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY ARIZONA CENTER FOR LAW P.O. Box 53999 IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST Phoenix, AZ 85072-3999 202 East McDowell Road, Suite 153 Phoenix, AZ 85004 Michael L. Kurtz Attorney for Western Resource Advocates, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, Kurt J. Boehm BOEHM, KURTZ & LOWRY Arizona School Boards Association, and Arizona Association of School Business Officials 36 East Seventh Street, Suite 1510 17 Cincinnati, OH 45202 Attorneys for The Kroger Company Daniel Pozefsky, Chief Counsel RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE 18 C. Webb Crockett 1110 West Washington Street, Suite 220 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Patrick J. Black 19 FENNEMORE CRAIG P.C. 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 2600 Michael M. Grant 20 Phoenix, AZ 85012-2913 **GALLAGHER & KENNEDY** Attorneys for Freeport-McMoRan Copper 2575 E. Camelback Road 21 & Gold, Inc. and AECC Phoenix, AZ 85016-9225 Attorneys for Arizona Investment Council 22 Lawrence V. Robertson, Jr. ATTORNEY AT LAW Gary Yaquinto 23 P.O. Box 1448 ARIZONA INVESTMENT COUNCIL Tubac, AZ 85646 2100 North Central Avenue, Suite 210 24 Attorney for Mesquite/SWPG/Bowie Phoenix, AZ 85004 25 Michael A. Curtis Jay Moyes William P. Sullivan Karen E. Nally 26 CURTIS, GOODWIN, SULLIVAN, **MOYES STOREY** UDALL & SCHWAB, P.L.C. 1850 N. Central Ave., Suite 1100 27 501 East Thomas Road Phoenix, AZ 85004-0001 Phoenix, AZ 85012-3205 Attorneys for Az-Ag Group

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